



First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”*

9:30 am Sunday Worship

July 18, 2021

Guest Speaker: Pastor Mike Jones

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John LeComte

CALL TO WORSHIP

Noah Johnson

L: May peace and blessings be upon all of us.

P: We praise God's holy name and offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to honor God's church and to minister to our neighbors here in Savanna and around the world.

L: Gracious God, light the flames of the Holy Spirit in this place and cause them to spread across our nation like a wild fire.

P: Claim each and every soul here for your kingdom and give to us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that the church might be the church in all its power and glory.

A: Amen.

HYMN#419

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

(Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Noah Johnson

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross to save us. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert)

Noah Johnson

SCRIPTURE 1 Act 7:52-60 (NIV) Noah Johnson

SCRIPTURE 2 Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV) Noah Johnson

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 23:39-43 (NIV) (Please Rise)

Pastor Mike Jones

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN# 378

“Amazing Grace”

(Insert)

MESSAGE: “Paradise – Present Day Heaven” Pastor Jones

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

John LeComte

(Please Give Note to Usher if you have a Joy or Concern)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Jones

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95

(Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Pastor Jones

Lord Jesus Christ, in your gifts to us, you have provided us the way to live and serve you. You deserve to receive our praise, thanks, honor, and glory. Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow wherever you go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HYMN#370

“Victory in Jesus”

(Insert)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jones

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

You can also find our online service on our Church Website.

We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today.

We are glad you are here.

Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Sandy Pratt, Bruce Fritz, Bob Grissinger, Gary Goetz, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Yim Family, Cindy & Frank Norman's granddaughter, Grace, Don Adams. Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman. Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families. Family members of those lost in the building collapse in Florida. Those under the threat of extreme heat & wildfires.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July

18 – Ronda Rathje

25 – Bruce Badtke

CALENDAR

**Pastor Dave Vacation (visit South Korea)
Wednesday, July 14 – Friday, August 6**

Monday, July 19 – Telstar Deadline

July 19 – July 23 VBS 9 am – 12 pm

No Body & Soul Yoga

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30 pm – 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Thursday, July 22 Church office closed

9 am Bible Study

No Body & Soul Yoga

Sunday, July 25

9:30 am Worship (Drive In only)

After service: Kids Kards

Guest Speaker Pastor George Woosnam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Rhonda Law, you are the counter(s) for July 25th. The verifier is Linda Jachino.

Liturgist is Joe Michels. Thank you!

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 39 Outside

Food Pantry/Blessing Basket Items Needed:

Food Pantry – Pantry is moving to 118 S. 4th street. At this time in need of donations to help with remodeling costs. You can mail donations to Savanna Food Pantry, 926 Viaduct Rd, Savanna, IL 61074 or include a donation with your church offering. Be sure to mark your envelope Savanna Food Pantry and dollar amount.

Blessing basket – Sandwich bags, dish soap & sunscreen products for adults and children.

Coverage while Pastor Dave is away

July 25th: Pastor George Woosnam
815-541-7666

August 1st: Reverend Bonnie Davies
815-275-0375

Emergency Pastoral Care

July 14 – July 27

Pastor Gary Panetta

815-590-1792

July 28 – August 6

Reverend Bonnie Davies

815-275-0375

Volunteers are needed to hand out free water at the Carroll County Fair on Wednesday, August 4th from 1 pm – 2 pm.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Irons.



Worship summer schedule: 9:30 am worship outside service only through Labor Day weekend.



July 19, 2021—July 23, 2021 9 am – 12 pm

Questions? Please contact Kris Yingling

815-238-6363



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Sunday, 9:30 am

July 18, 2021

Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic

(to build up strong and vital church)

Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go
(Joshua 1:9)*

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